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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

PATRICK PIRIM

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 9, 2002, a clean version of the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 26, 2002, are hereby submitted below. Additionally, a marked-up version of the amended claims as submitted on April 9, 2002 is also resubmitted.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 9 and 23 to read as follows:

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, characterised in that the said preliminary decoding operation causes the said signals to circulate over a loop

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